

chiropractor, and his wife Micki (Cohava) are the parents of Danielle, Arielle, Aviv and Shira. Their daughter, Maxine, a psychotherapist, is the wife of Jack Bock and they are the parents of Noah.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert Tanzman has dedicated much of his life to serving others. His dedication to family, community and country, and his abiding love and devotion to serving the Jewish people and the State of Israel, are exemplary, and inspiration to us all. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and to wish him continued happiness and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 51, I was on official Congressional business in Russia, and could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on this vote to pass H.R. 774.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT, H. CON. RES. 56

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce today a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). It is right and fitting that the House of Representatives makes note of this important piece of legislation which serves as the basis for continued commercial, cultural, security and other relations between the United States and Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act was passed into law on April 10, 1979 and has served as a critical element in preserving and promoting ties between the United States and Taiwan. The TRA has been instrumental in maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979. It is my hope that the TRA will continue to serve to ensure that the future of Taiwan be determined by peaceful means. Regrettably, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has refused to renounce the use of force against Taiwan.

The United States is pleased with the flourishing on Taiwan of a fully-fledged, multi-party, democracy fully respecting human rights and civil liberties. It is hoped that Taiwan will serve as an example to the PRC and others in the region in this regard and will encourage progress in the furthering of democratic principles and practices, respect for human rights, and the enhancement of the rule of law.

The Congress looks forward to a broadening and deepening of friendship and cooperation with Taiwan in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce this legislation and invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support this Resolution commemorating this

distinctive piece of legislation and the unique ties between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

HONORING MARIAH MARTIN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a young student for her devotion and award-winning community service. On February 4, 1999, Mariah Martin was named one of Colorado's top honorees in the 1999 Prudential Spirit Awards program, an annual honor bestowed upon the most impressive student volunteers.

Mariah is a seventeen-year-old junior attending Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Although her own education is foremost, Mariah divides her free time educating area youth. As a member of the Moose International Youth Awareness Program, Mariah has the opportunity to work with many different children's programs. Through these meetings, Mariah realized the importance of teaching positive lifestyles at an early age. As a result, Mariah took the initiative in designing her own curriculum. In January of 1998 her ideas were presented in the form of a nine-week education and self-esteem program for second grade students. The program includes activities on self-esteem, drug and alcohol prevention, smart decision making, healthy habits, problem solving and violence prevention. Success has led Mariah and her program to be invited into five more classes of second grade students.

At a time when many statistics suggest a downward trend in youth community service, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award creates a positive influence in honoring and rewarding outstanding individuals like Mariah. In only four years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 50,000 youngsters participating. Programs such as Prudential's, reinforce community service at an early age.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mariah Martin and all of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards winners. With confidence, I look forward to their leadership in America.

CONGRATULATING FRESNO CRIME STOPPERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Fresno Bee article on the Fresno Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers has been a valuable asset in fighting crime in Fresno.

"A televised Fresno Crime Stoppers recently won first place for best re-enactment of a crime for cities with a population of 250,000 to 1 million in a worldwide competition.

More than 300 cities around the world took part in the contest, judged by Crime Stoppers

International, which rates entries on their creativity and authenticity. The Fresno entry was a re-enactment of robbery and homicide at the Ritz Bar in Fowler last year. Two representatives of Crime Stoppers received a plaque at the Crime Stoppers conferences in Gillette, Wyoming.

Crime Stoppers is published in The Fresno Bee to help Fresno County law enforcement agencies capture crime suspects. The Bee features a Crime Stoppers page, which began in January 1998, and is published every other month. The Full-page Crime Stoppers layout contains names and photographs of the 24 most wanted suspects sought by Fresno County's law enforcement agencies and a 24-hour confidential hot line to report tips.

In July 1998, the Crime Stoppers hot line led to the arrests of 27 fugitives. The suspects were arrested on charges ranging from spousal abuse to drug sales to assault with a deadly weapon. Tipsters collected \$3,600 in rewards. Callers who provide anonymous tips that lead to arrests can collect as much as \$1,000 in reward money. Callers are not required to testify in court.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Fresno Bee article, "Fresno Crime Stoppers Wins First-place Award." This Organization is a valuable asset to Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Crime Stoppers many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LEONA NIEBERDING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of the most influential teachers of my life, Sister Leona Nieberding.

Sister Leona entered the Congregation of St. Joseph from St. Ignatius parish when she was 18 years old. Two years later, she was given her first teaching assignment at St. Joseph school in Canton, Ohio. This began a life of total dedication to the ministry of the education of young people. Over her 77 years as an educator, she taught at five different schools in the Cleveland area: St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Aloysius, St. Ignatius, and St. Angela Merici. She also served as principal at St. Aloysius and St. Vincent de Paul.

Sister Leona worked hard to prepare young people for life, guiding them spiritually as well as intellectually. She demonstrated to her students the practical applications of spiritual guidance and ethical conduct in everyday life. Sister Leona was known for her devotion to young people and her insistence that they understand the importance of education and live up to her high expectations of them. In 1979, the Kiwanis Club of Fairview Park recognized her outstanding efforts by honoring her as the "Teacher of the Year."

Sister Leona, however, never sought credit for her deeds. She often organized the resources of her parish to ensure that the needy families were provided with food and clothes, without taking any credit for the work. These selfless personal efforts did not go unnoticed. Her service is in the finest tradition of nuns of